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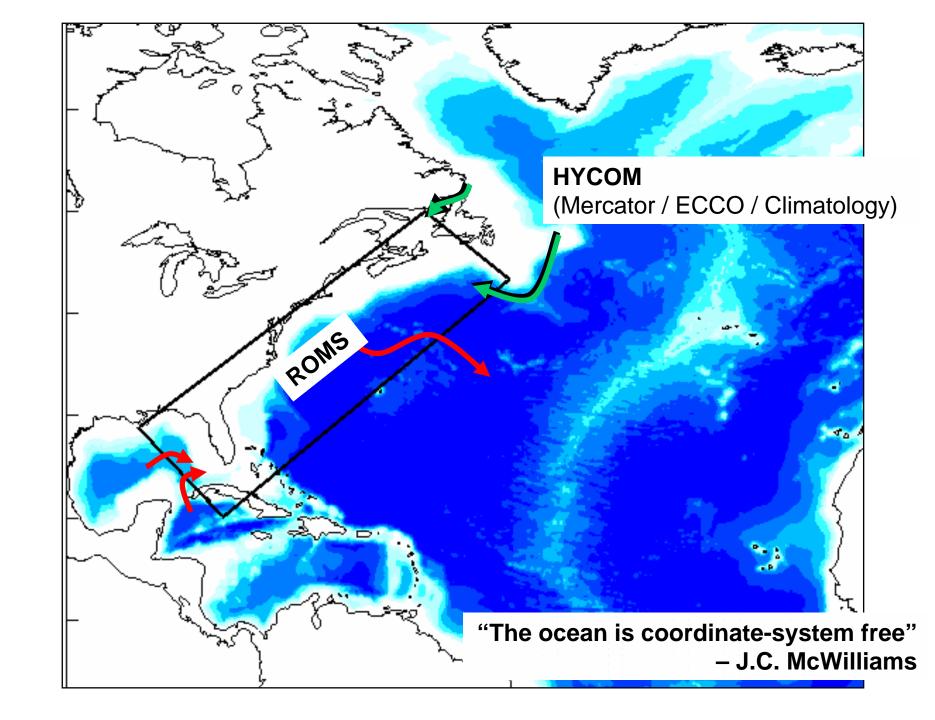
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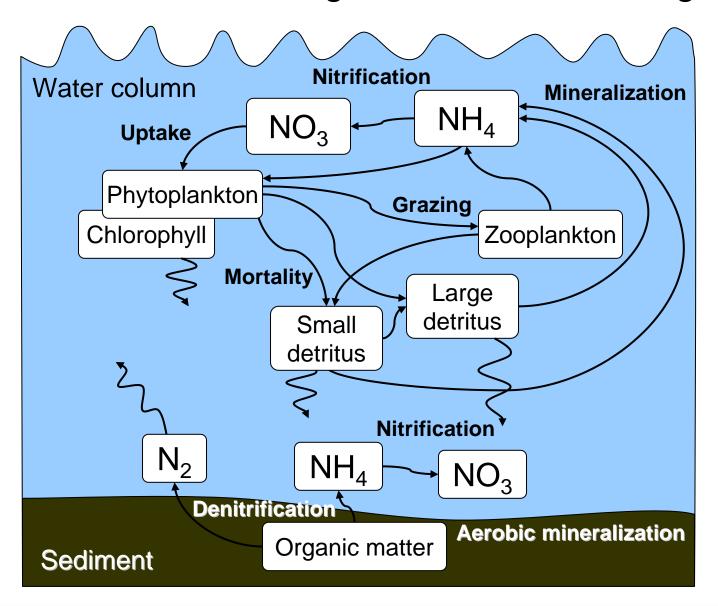
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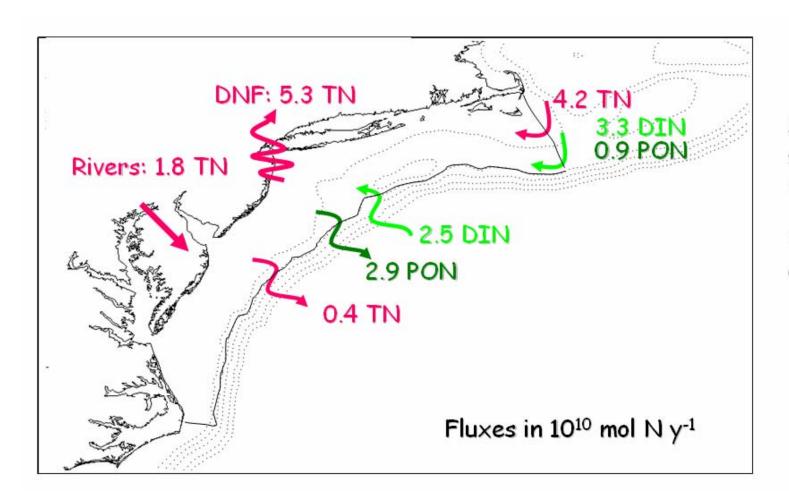


Circulation and biogeochemical modeling



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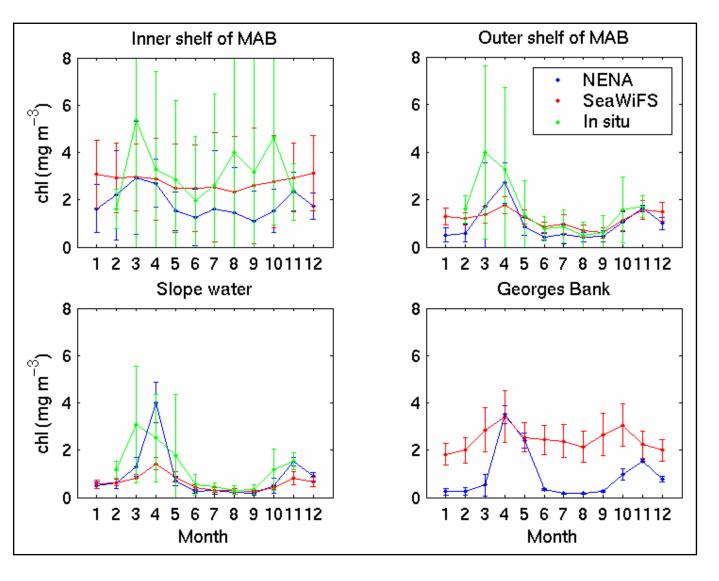
Nitrogen cycle modeling for wide shelves



Sources and sinks of nitrogen

Role of shelf denitrification

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Model-data comparisons

← Model crashes in summer (no tides)

Fennel, Wilkin, O'Reilly

ROMS in Hycom NENA configuration

- 10 km horizontal, 30 s-levels terrain-following
- NCEP daily surface atmospheric reanalysis
 - Fairall et al. 2003 bulk flux air-sea exchange parameterization
 - daily shortwave modulated for diurnal cycle
 - evaporation from latent heat minus NCEP precip
- embedded in Hycom North Atlantic best-estimate daily
 - Hycom T,S bias w.r.t. Hydrobase annual mean is removed
 - radiation/nudging to Hbase+Hycom' T,S and u at perimeter
 - 200 km linear taper nudging region 0 to 2 day¹ at perimeter
 - OTPS/TPX03 tides and Flather condition with Hycom ζ , \overline{u}
- Monthly climatological rivers (Seitzinger)
- Mellor-Yamada 2½ vertical turbulence closure
- Start physics in June 2003
 - start BGC in January 2004
 - BGC boundary conditions from regressions of tracer on T,S data

Temperature at 10 m Hycom-Hydrobase Salinity at 10 m Hycom-Hydrobase 45 45 40 40 35 35 30 30 25 25 20 L -90 20 ^L -90 -70 -60 -80 -60 -80 -70

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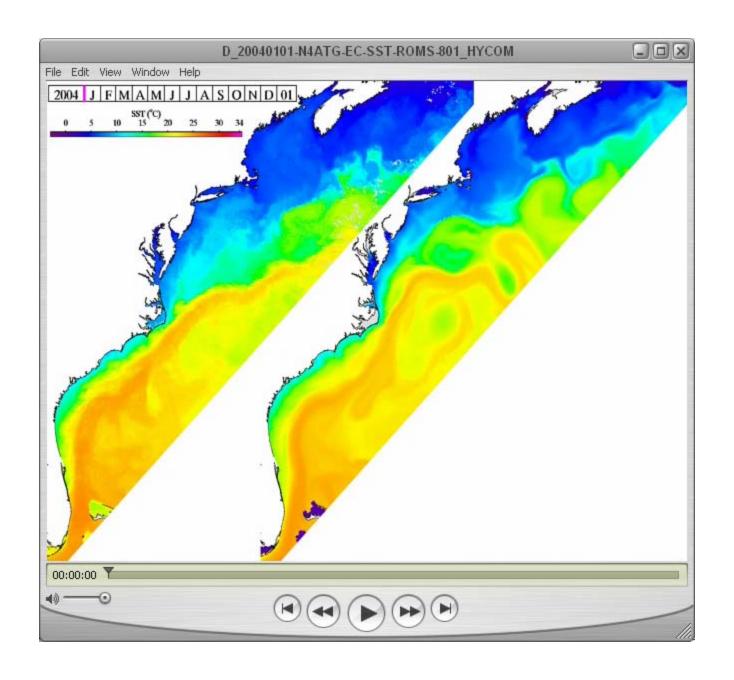
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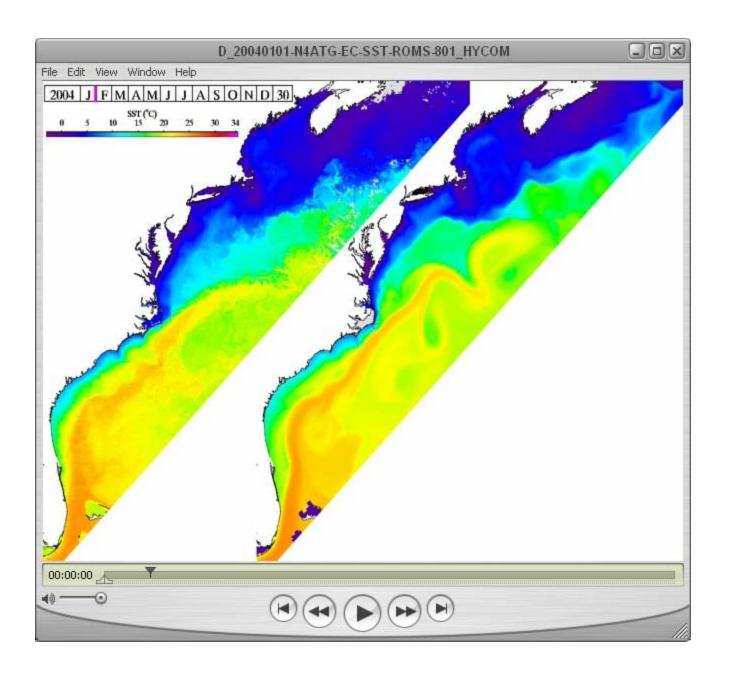
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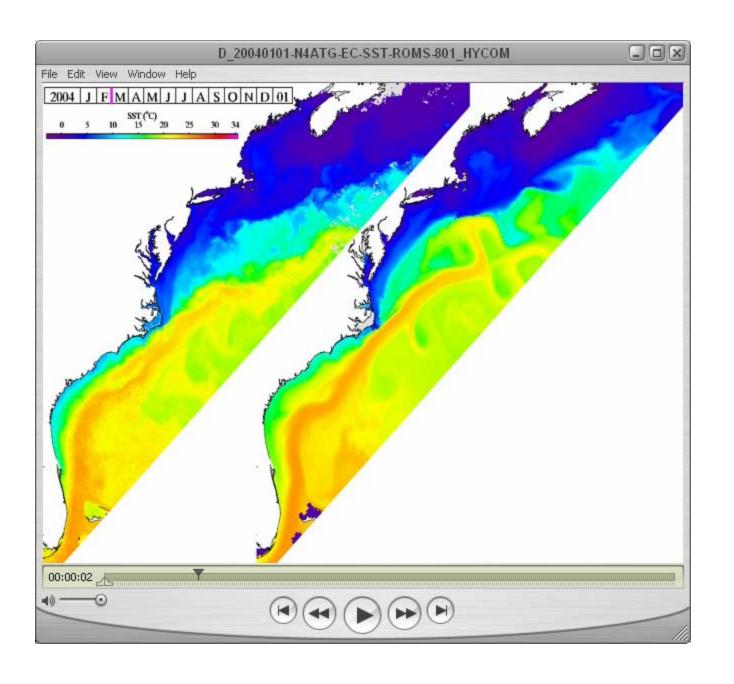
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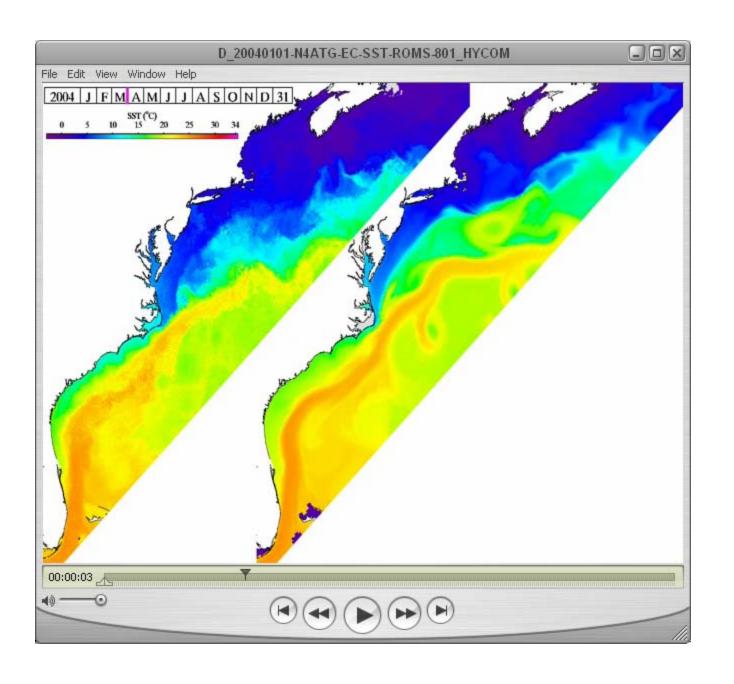
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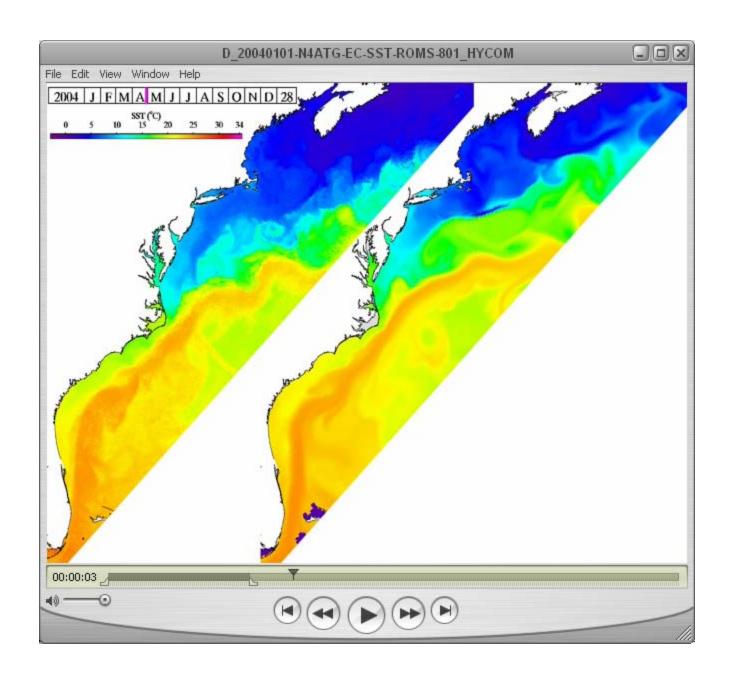
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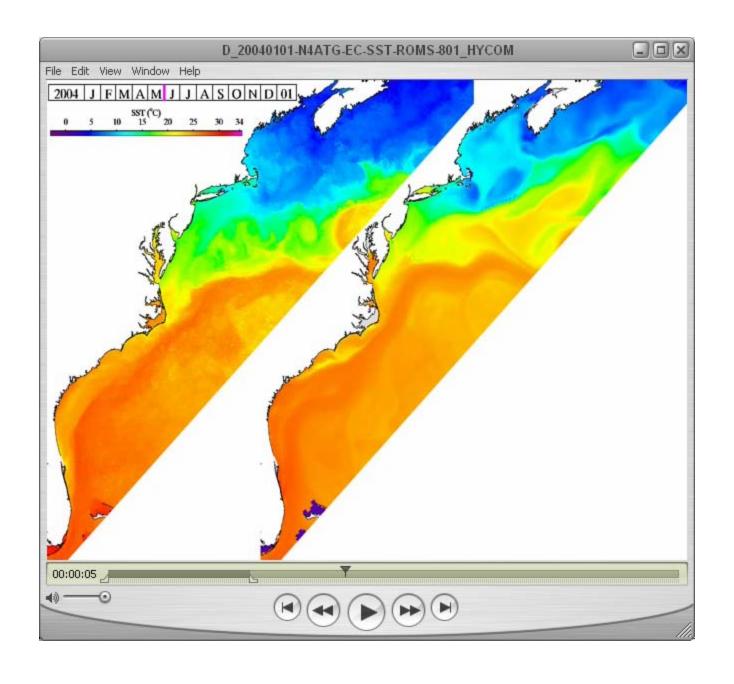


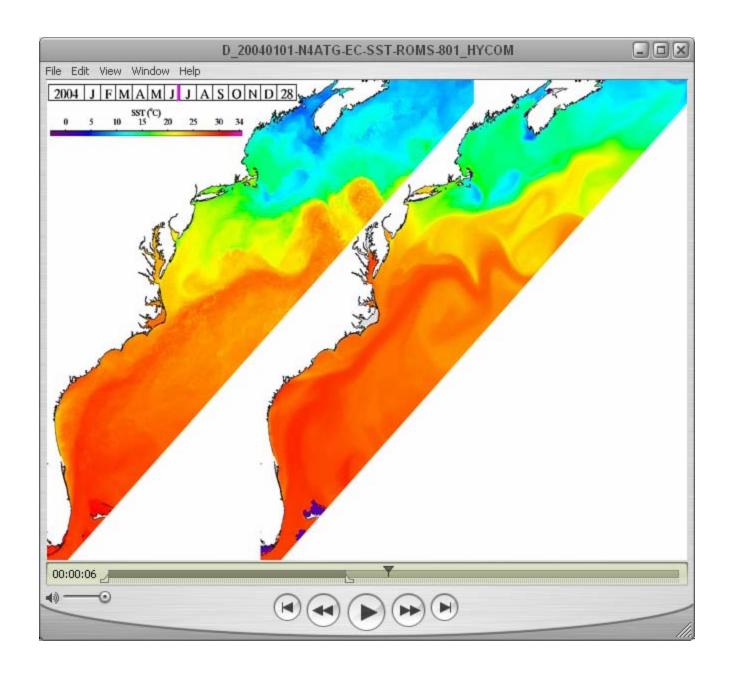


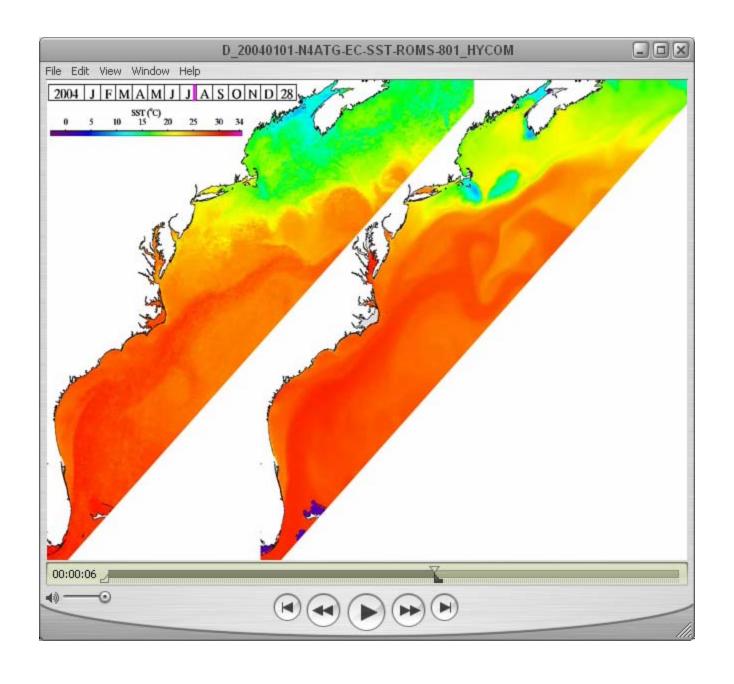


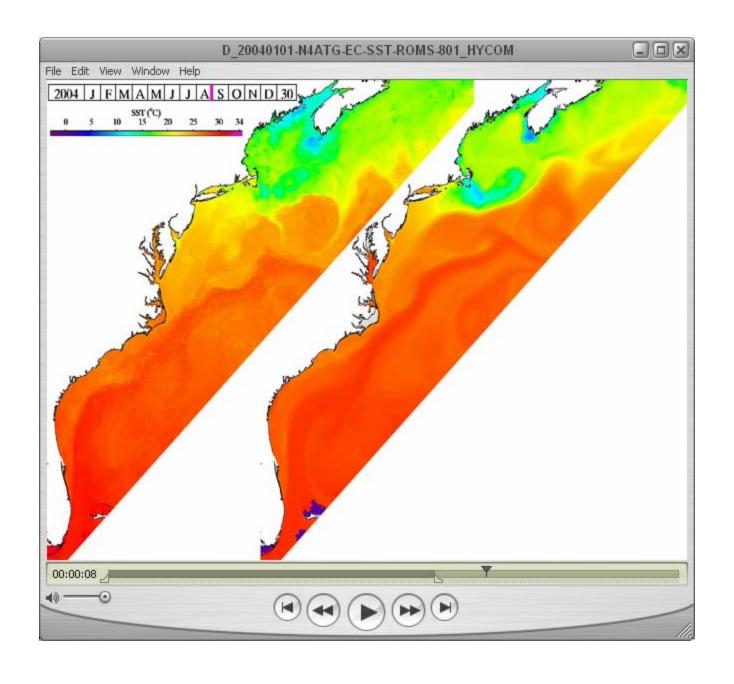


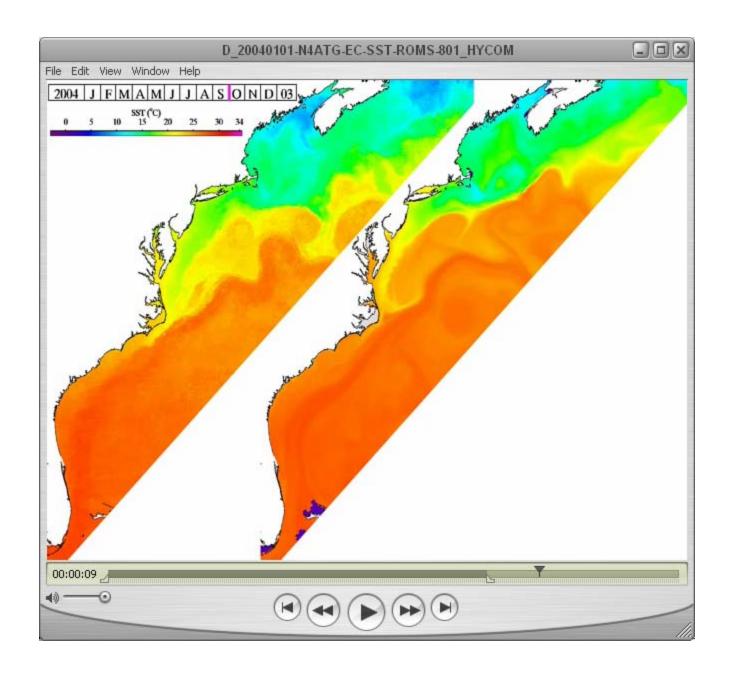


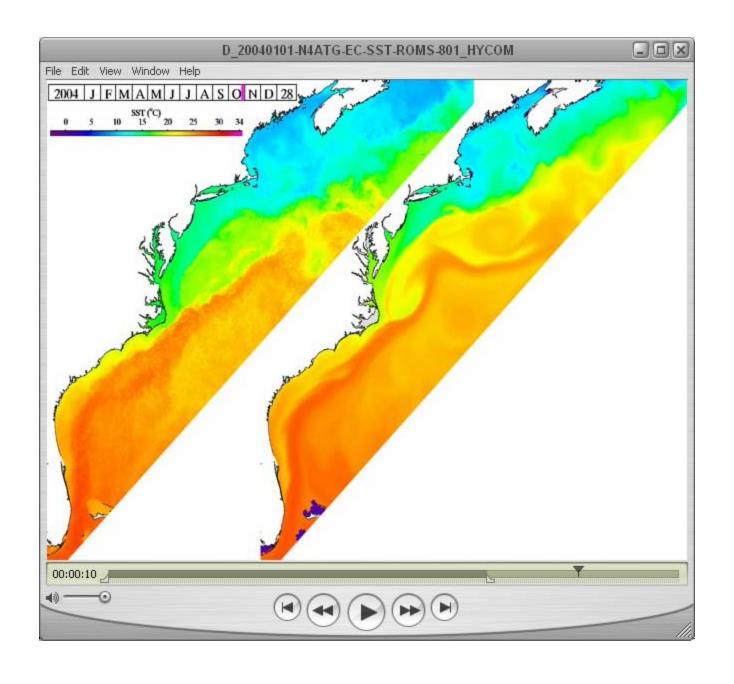


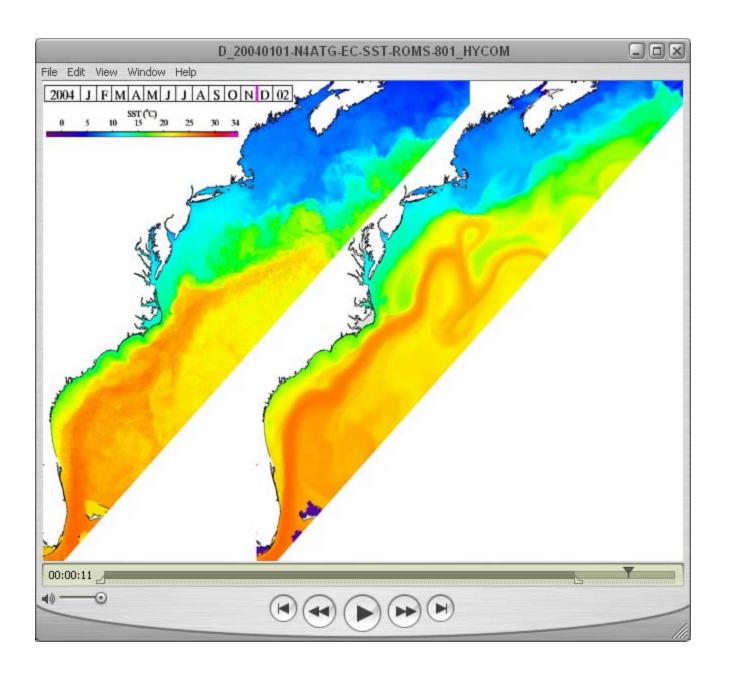


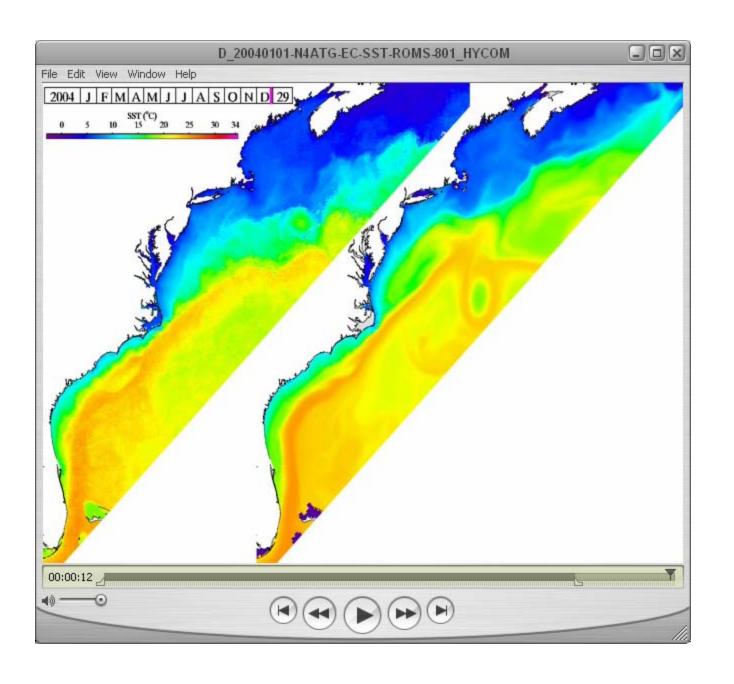


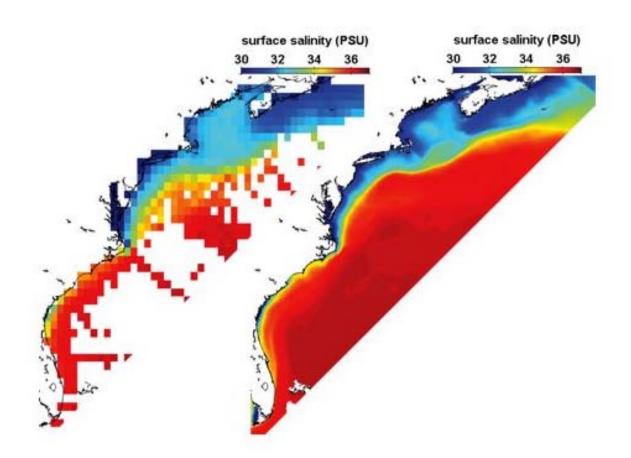


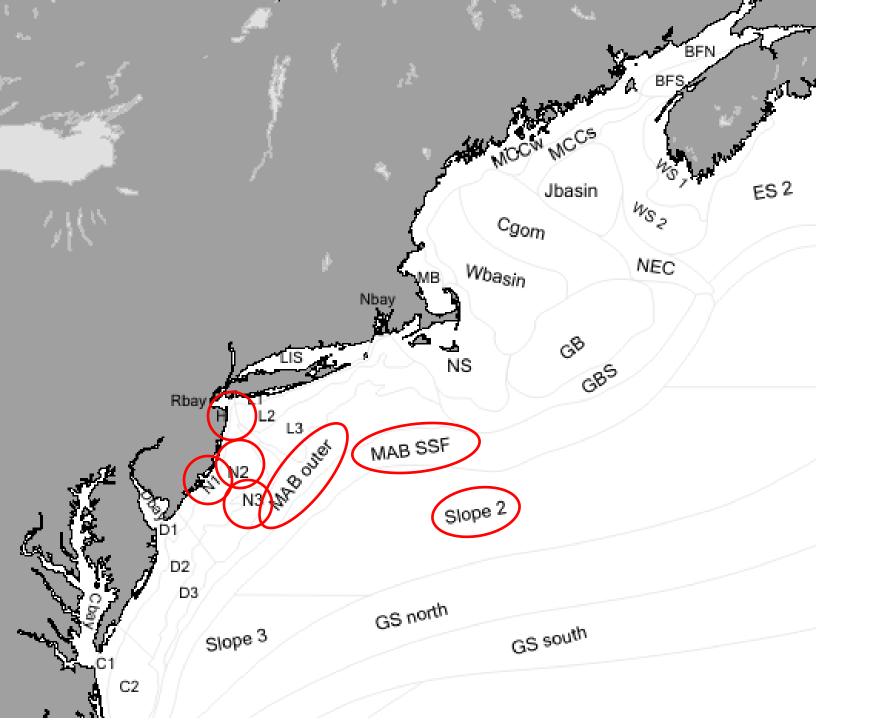


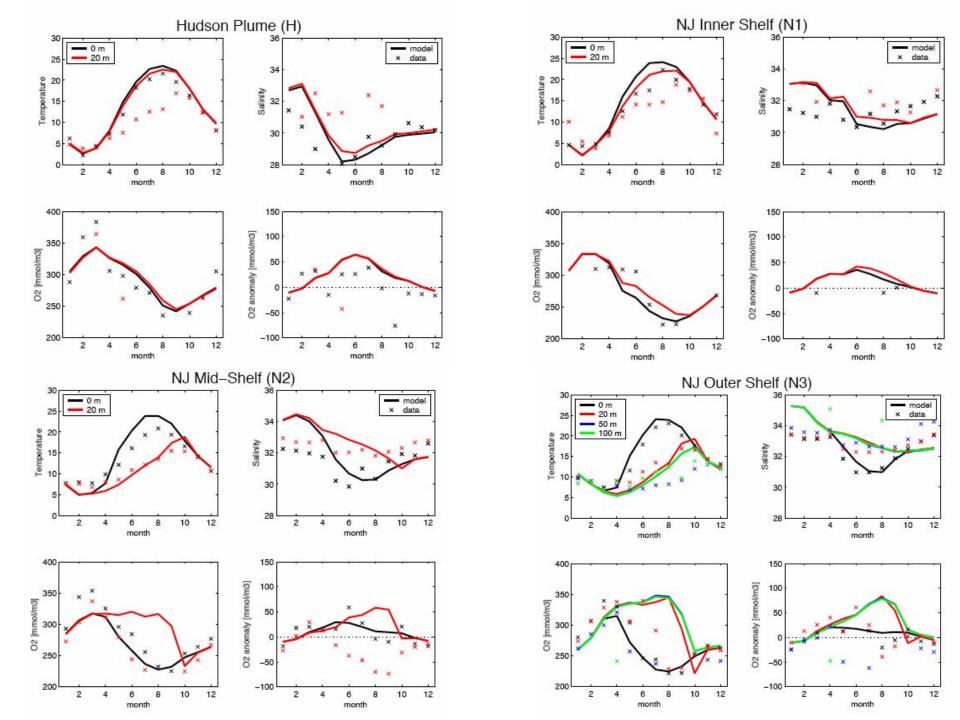


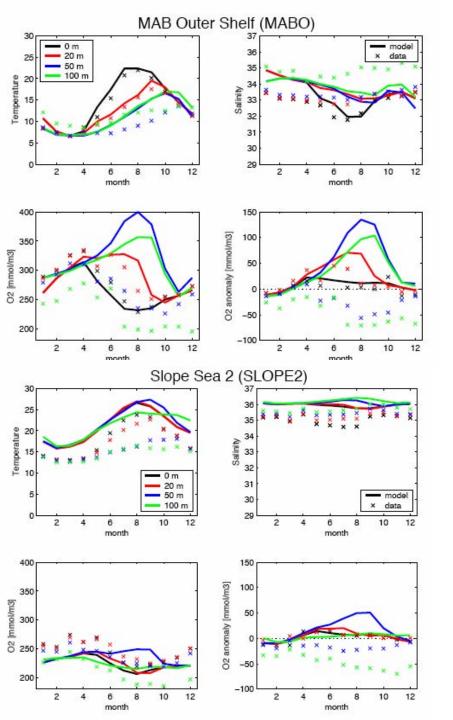


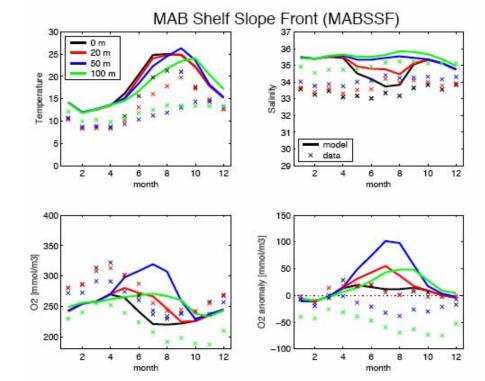


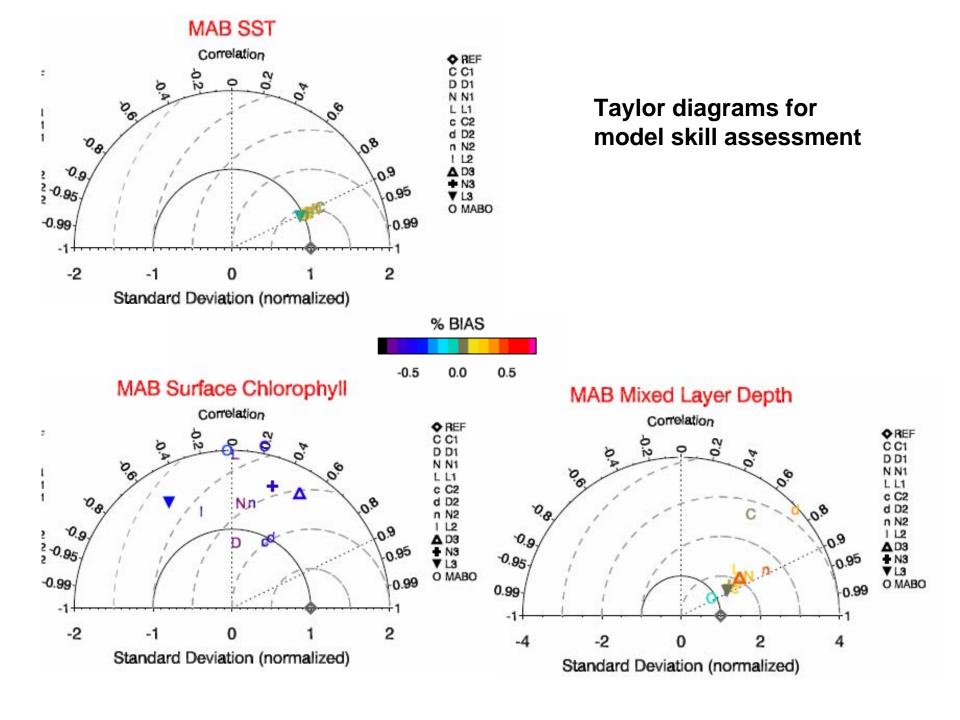




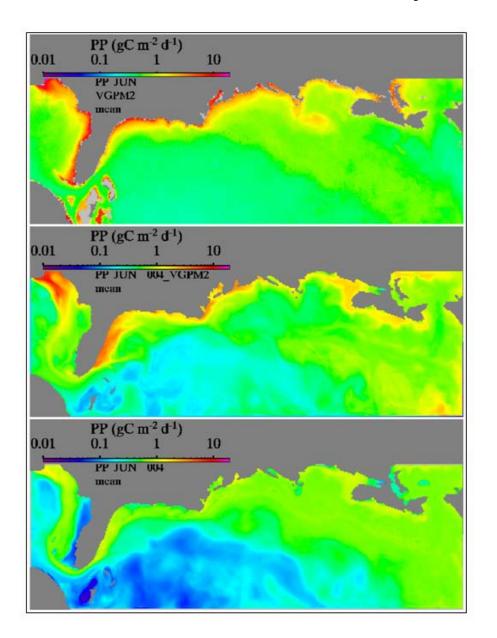








Model, satellite and ecosystem algorithm comparison

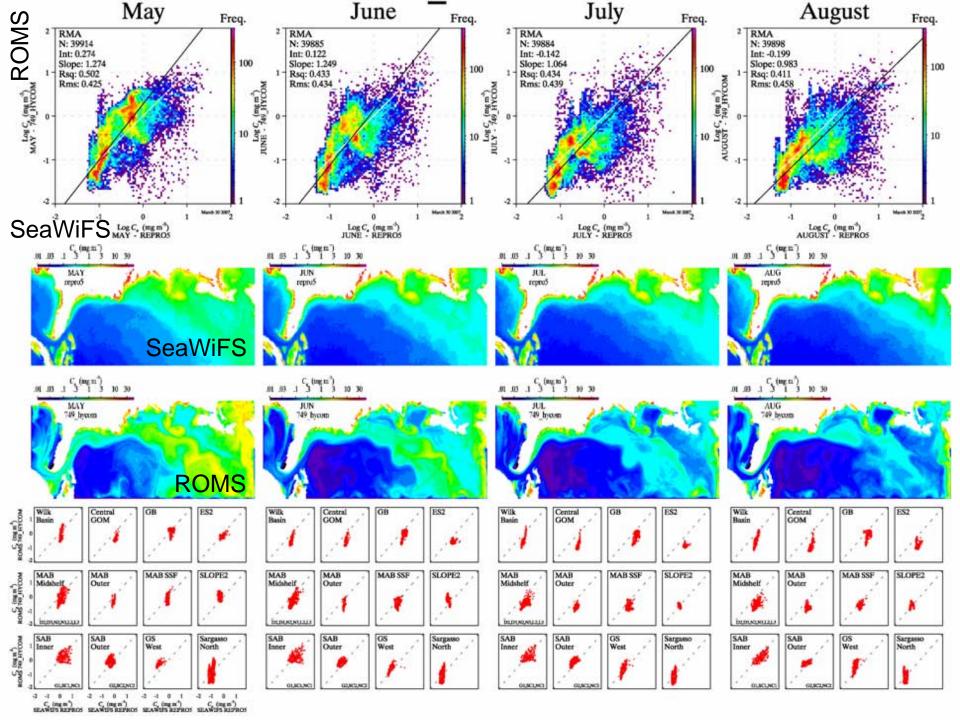


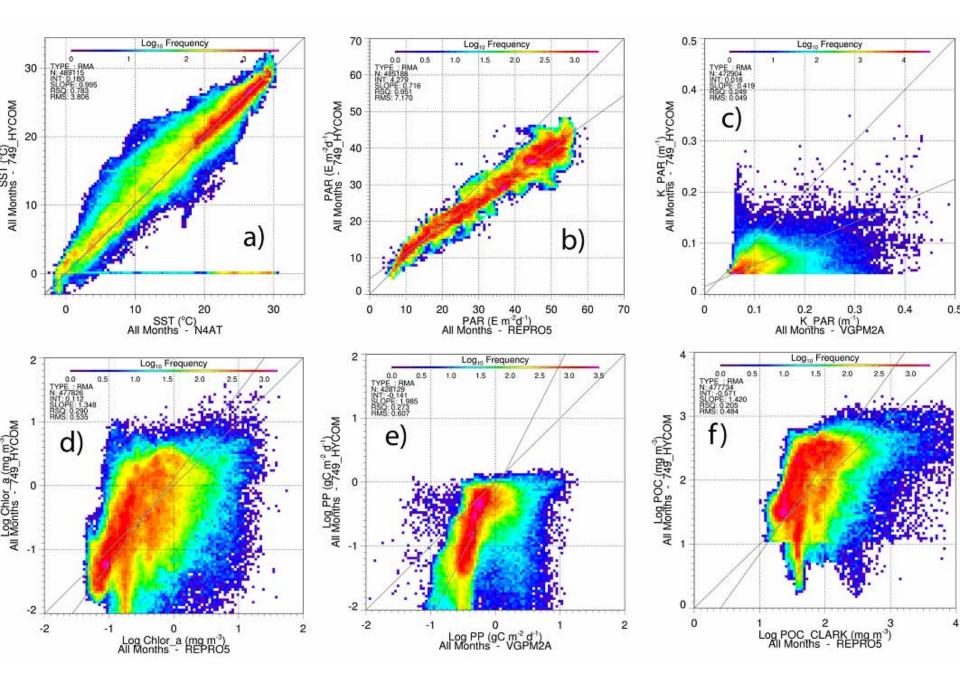
Satellite-derived primary production (PP) using VGPM2

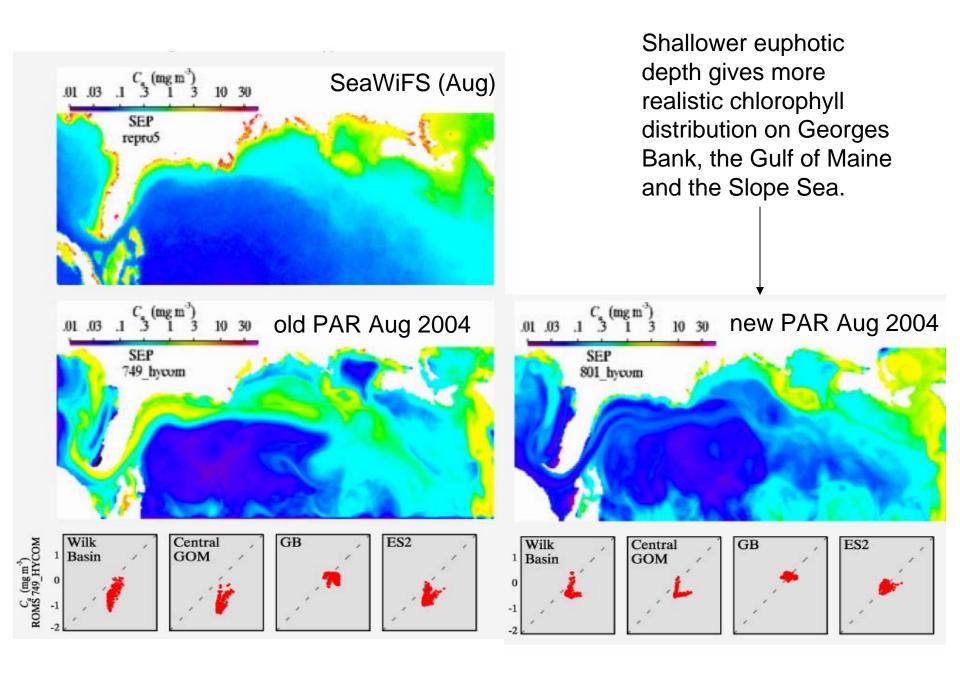
VGPM2 applied to NENA-simulated fields

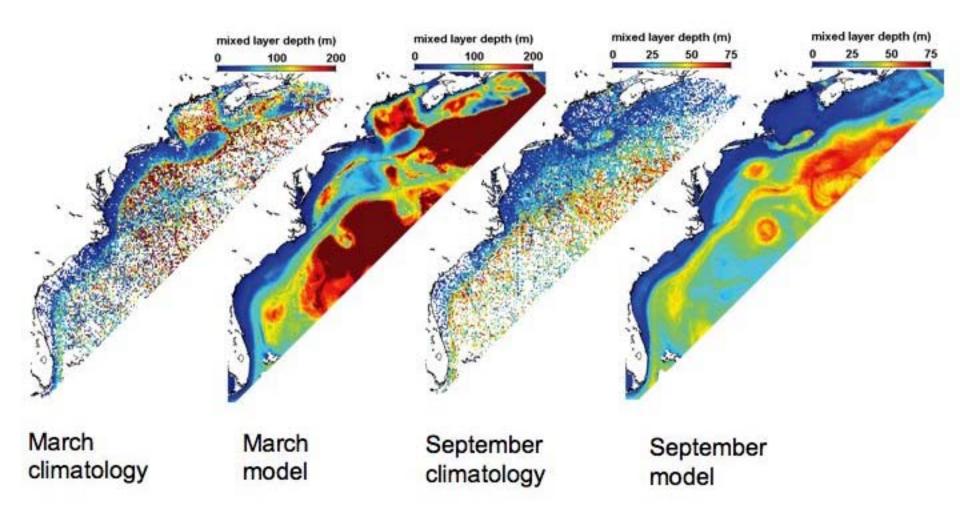
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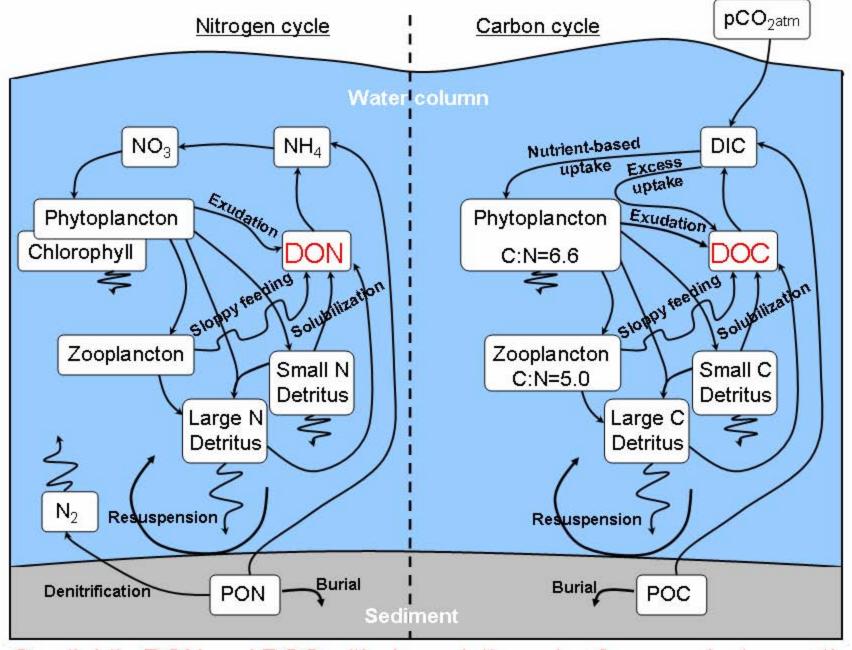
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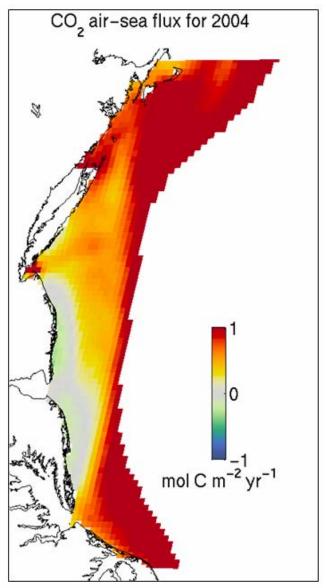






Semilabile DON and DOC with degradation rates from weeks to months

Continental shelf carbon cycle



Simulated annual air-sea flux of CO₂ Explicit inorganic carbon cycling

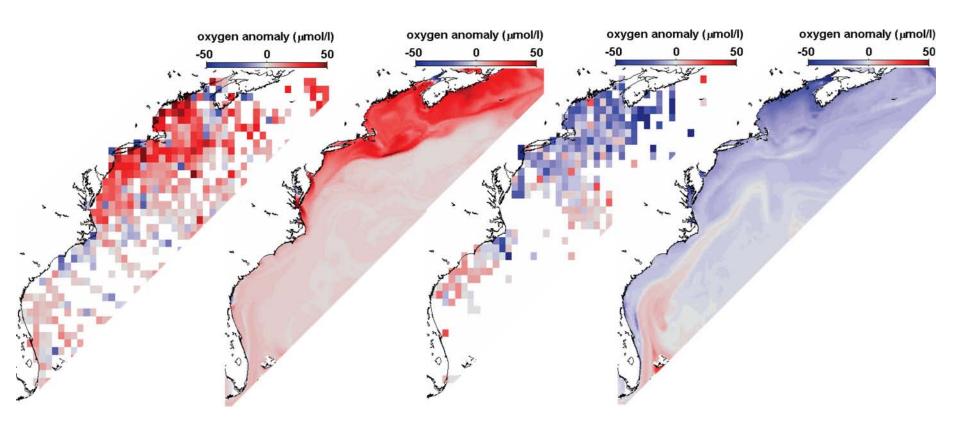
Positive values indicate uptake by ocean

Outer Mid-Atlantic Bight continental shelf is a sink for atmospheric CO₂

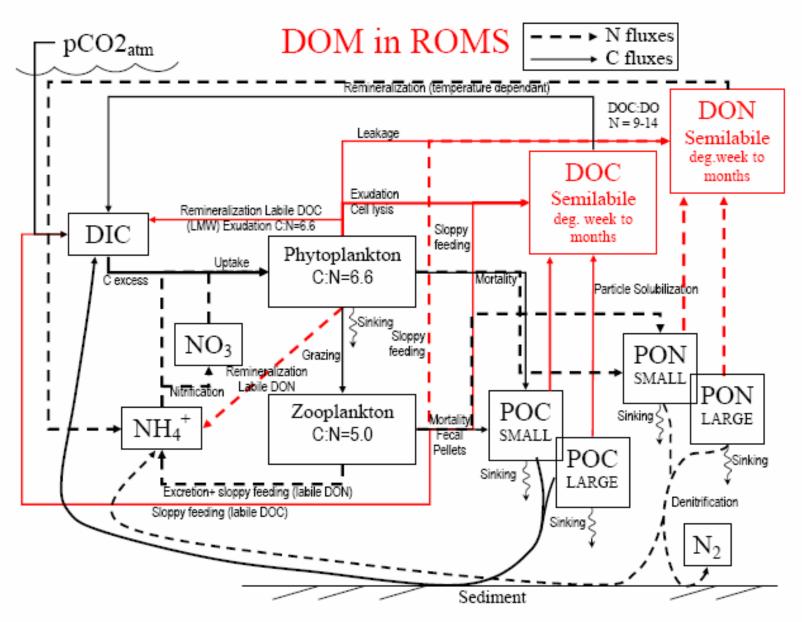
No net uptake off NJ due to outgassing during summer from upwelling

MAB atmospheric CO₂ uptake estimates

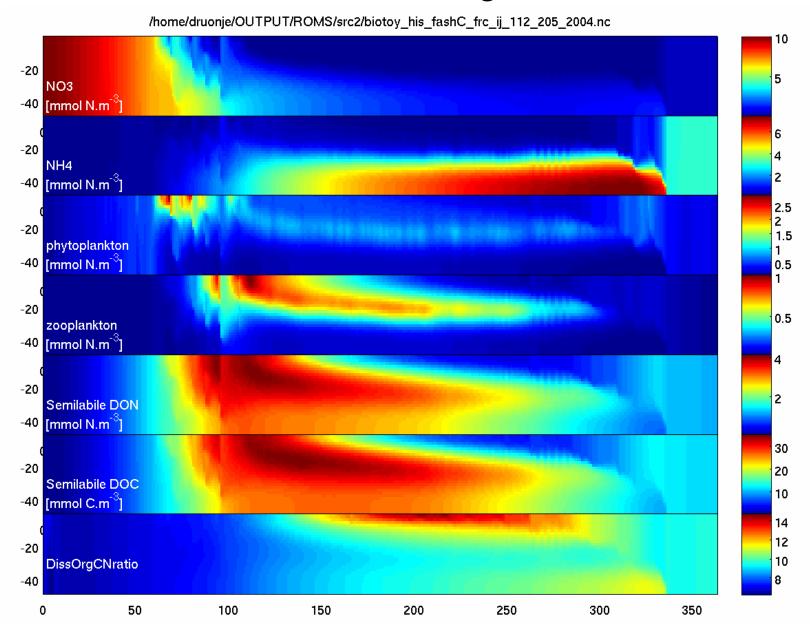
	DeGrandpre et al. (2002)	Model	Model w/o DNF
Total (Mt C yr ⁻¹)	1.0 ± 0.6	0.9	1.62
Inner Shelf (0-20 m) (mol C m ⁻² yr ⁻¹)	0.9 ± 0.63	0.38	1.1
Mid-shelf (20-50 m) (mol C m ⁻² yr ⁻¹)	1.6 ± 1.28	0.57	1.2
Outer Shelf (50-200 m) (mol C m ⁻² yr ⁻¹)	0.7 ± 0.07	0.91	1.2



DOM modeling



1-D Mid Atlantic Bight results



Summary: Status/Future

- ROMS-in-HYCOM for NENA works
 - but requires that the salinity bias is corrected
 - increasing resolution will not solve bias
 - ROMS biases:
 - South Atlantic Bight bottom temperatures too cold
 - shelf stratification too strong
 - MAB shelf/slope front under-resolved
 - ROMS/BGC:
 - sensitivity to vertical mixing, k_{PAR} being pursued
 - must consider benthic processes (semi-labile constituents, diagenesis, denitrification, export, benthic primary productivity)
 - DOC model running now

*Experimental System for Predicting Shelf and Slope Optics

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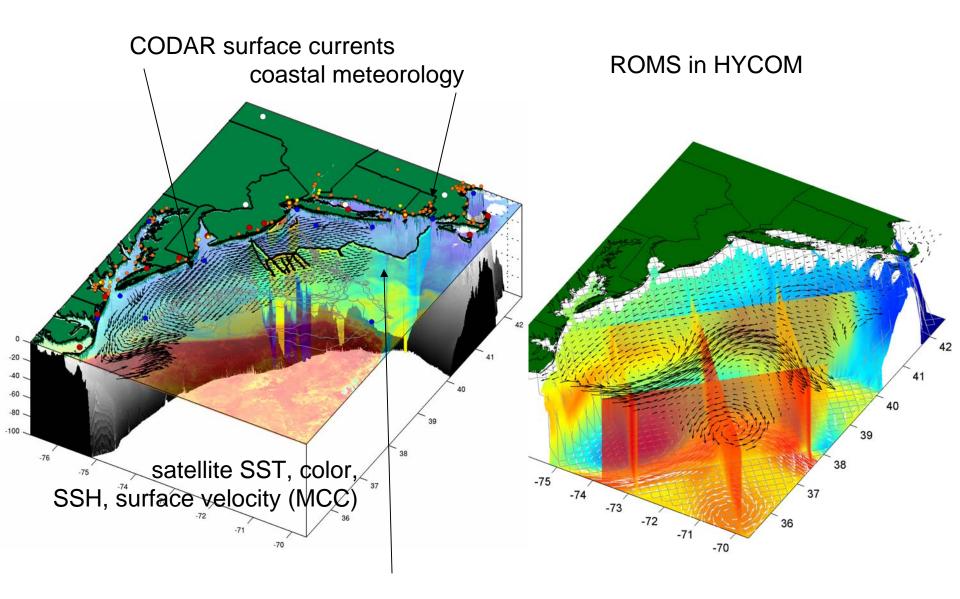
Needs

- explore improved open boundary condition schemes
- better process for data transfer and coordinate remapping (presently ad hoc extrapolation and land/sea/bathy mis-match)
 - especially for future operational applications (MURI-ESPreSSO*) unbiased Hycom (on shelf) preferred
 - but possibly corrected via shelf assimilation
- should use inter-annual river flow variability (in both models but especially in ROMS)

Future

- Operational MAB
- 4DVar assimilation of Coastal Observing System data
 - gliders, CODAR, cabled observatory
- Optics model for ESPreSSO
- multiple nesting within ROMS





glider: T,S, optics along paths